Conditional Accreditation Request For Dinwiddie Middle School

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Rationale for Request for **Conditional Accreditation** Through Reconstitution

Division Overview

Dinwiddie Schools

5 Elementary (K-5), 1Middle School (6-8), 1High School (9-12)

- Dinwiddie Middle Student Demographics
 - Grades 6,7, and 8
 - Enrollment: 1,023 students
 - 50% FRL
 - 16% SWD (includes Speech only)
 - 4 out of 5 feeder schools are Title I Schools

Staffing Information

- 35 out of 66 actual teaching positions have 5 or less years experience (53%)
- 9 out of 13 English teachers have 5 or less years of experience (69%)
- ▶ 16 new hires this year 5 English
- 16 new hires last year 1 English

School Performance

Dinwiddie County Public Schools

SOL Results Comparison Standards for Accrediting Schools

School Year	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Dinwiddie Middle	2008-2009 (3Yr. Avg.)	2009-2010 (3Yr. Avg.)	2010-2011 (3Yr. Avg.)	2011-2012 (3Yr. Avg.)	2012-2013 (3 Yr. Avg.)	2013-2014 (3 Yr. Avg.)
English	83% (81%)	89% (85%)	82% (85%)	85% (85%)	60% (72%)	64% (67%)
Math	70% (71%)	72% (73%)	66% (69%)	62% (67%)	71% (67%)	72% (69%)
History	65% (70%)	74% (71%)	69% (69%)	77% (73%)	65% (70%)	70% (70%)
Science	NS	NS	NS	NS	64% (64%)	72% (68%)

Warned in English 2014-2015

Factors to Consider For Conditional Accreditation

Historical Performances

- Office of School Improvement Leadership
- School Reconfiguration
 - 2008-2012
 - High School (10-12)
 - JR High (8-9)
 - Middle School (6-7)
 - 2012-2013
 - High School (9-12)
 - Middle School (6-8)

Staffing/Scheduling

- An Assistant Principal Dedicated to English
 - Monitor instruction
 - Provide Specific Feedback
- Hired a Reading Specialist via State Funding
- Hired a Reading Tutor Certified Reading Teacher
- Remediation Period Built into the Master Schedule

Instruction

- Remediation period built into the Master Schedule
- Curriculum revised and aligned more closely to SOLs (used VDOE Rubric to assess alignment)
- Lesson Plan/Unit Plan Development
 - Template revised and aligned to meet curriculum revisions and higher order thinking
- Common 9 wk Benchmarks aligned more closely to curriculum and higher order thinking
- Incorporated reading and writing across all content areas
- Continued focus on the use of data to drive instruction
- Frequent monitoring of instruction with specific feedback and placement of teachers on improvement plans as deemed necessary

Professional Development

- Virginia Tiered Support System (VTSS) monthly staff development meetings
- Expanded use of Professional Learning Communities for teacher collaboration, lesson/unit plan development and data discussions
- Mentors for all new teachers
- Monthly Department and Grade Level Meetings

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- Review school procedures and processes
- Monitor improvement of the overall English program
- Make data driven decisions to make recommendations to improve instruction
- Membership
 - Teachers
 - Administrators
 - Central Office Staff
 - Parents

Q&A

Thank You!

